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WOMEN WERE EVER THUS.

She: DIDN' YOU THINK MADGE WAS GOING TO MARRY CLAUDE?
He (with emphasis): No.
She: EVERYBODY ELSE DID.
He: VERY LIKELY, BUT SHE GAVE ME TO UNDERSTAND SHE WAS GOING TO MARRY ME.

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THE WAIL OF THE REJECTED.

O DEAR! I'm nearly thirty,
And years fly by so fast
That each successive birthday
Comes close upon the last,
While unappreciated
My charms will soon lie low
Beneath a spinster gravestone—
I've never had a beau!

Although I'm not a beauty,
My eyes are very fair;
And several carping critics
Have raved about my hair.
Yet if I do but venture
To any ball or rout,
My getting left is certain—
I'm never taken out.

I've wandered from Bar Harbor
To Newport and the pier;
With Paris frocks and bonnets
Becoming, *chic* and dear.
But, though the women praise me
In whispers each to each,
No man has ever asked me
To stroll upon the beach.

Ah, lassies who are followed
By an adoring train,
And find in every corner
An unsuspected swain,
The world has griefs and sorrows
Of which you little know!
Just think of me—the only girl
Who never had a beau!

M. E. W.

MRS. PITTIE (*strolling on the beach*): So you are an orphan, little boy?

LITTLE BOY (*turning up stones with his toes after shedder crabs for bait*): Yessum; pa died last week.

MRS. PITTIE: What did he die of?

LITTLE BOY (*putting a crab in his pocket*): Ammonia.

MRS. PITTIE: You mean pneumonia.

LITTLE BOY: No, I don't; I mean am-monia. Guess I know; I seed him drink it.

THE man from Oshkosh can this year go on an actual European "tower"—Eiffel's.

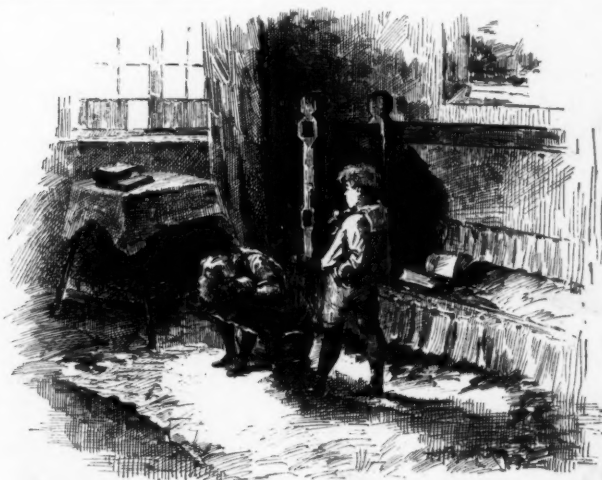
AN OLD SALT—Attic.

WHAT are the wild waves saying? They are probably lying about their circulation.



A CLINCHER.

Outraged Erin: GINLEMIN, I WUD LOIKE TO ASHK THIM AMERIKINS WAN THING: WHO DOOG THE CANALS UV THE COONTRY, BUT *furriners*? WHO BUILT THE RAILRUDS UV THE COONTRY, BUT *furriners*? WHO WORRUKS THE MOINES UV THE COONTRY, BUT *furriners*? WHO DOES THE VOTIN' FUR THE COONTRY, BUT *furriners*? AND who the devil dishcovered the coontry, but *FURRINERS*?

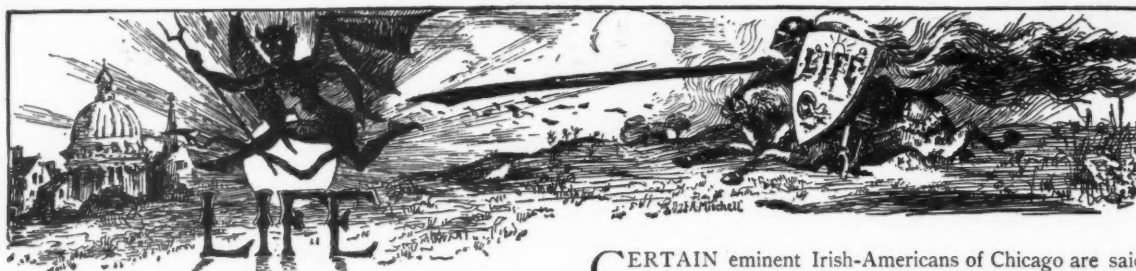


CONSOLATION.

"WHAT'S THE MATTER, LITTLE GIRL?"

"I'M CRYING BECAUSE MY MAMMA HAS JUST GONE TO HEAVEN."

"OH, BUT P'RAPS SHE HASN'T."



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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LIFE takes pleasure in calling the attention of Prof. J. L. Sullivan to the suggestion of Scripture that a man who can take good care of himself is a bigger man than one who can knock out a whole city. By far the most interesting set-to that Sullivan has had has been the long one with John Barleycorn, in which the Boston man has been worsted in so many rounds. As to the recent fight with Kilrain, the result of that sadly promises to show how worthless and contemptible a thing is mere physical strength unless it is intelligently governed. Sullivan on a spree is a sight to make an athlete boil his dumb-bells into paper-cutters.

THE disgust of Mr. Ghooly Khan, the Persian gentleman with the American newspapers has caused those contemporaries vast amusement, and secured for the minister and his august master as much gratuitous advertising as ever an actress got from her divorce case. Obviously, Mr. Khan is deficient, if not absolutely lacking, in the sense of humor. What the average American newspaper man says about his neighbors and the aldermen of his city he expects to answer for, and he is usually somewhat abstemious in censuring such persons, and does not even publish "news" about them which he is not ready to meet in court. But residents of Europe, Asia and other continents not American he regards as perfectly fit subjects for rhetoric or satire, and has fun with them, or boils with indignation at them according to his mood and the needs of his journal. When the American editor comes to realize that foreign potentates are sensitive and care what he says about them, he will doubtless mend his ways and show them such consideration as his aldermen receive. The circumstance that one or two of his brethren have been met on the threshold of diplomatic careers with unexpected clippings from the scrap-books of effete monarchies will, doubtless, also have its weight with him if he has diplomatic aspirations himself. Meanwhile Ghooly Khan's remedy is that of the irate subscriber—to stop his paper!

CERTAIN eminent Irish-Americans of Chicago are said to be considering whether it is possible and would pay to get a large farm somewhere and start an Irish-American republic to advance the interests of Ireland and the Irish race. They propose to form a syndicate of rich Irish-Americans who will furnish capital for the enterprise, and to send out agents to Canada, Chili, Peru and Mexico to dicker for territory on which the experiment may be tried.

LIFE trusts that the projectors of this scheme will continue to be pleased with it, and will be able to secure the land they want and make the experiment. While LIFE feels an affection for Irishmen in the gross that is warm and constant, and sympathizes with them in their passion for the Green Isle and their efforts for her betterment, it is conscious of the greatest reluctance to have an Irish-American republic erected in the United States.

If all the Irish-Americans, who are Irish first and chiefly, and Americans secondly and in their leisure time, should pack off and start a new republic in accordance with their views, we believe it would be interesting for them and a great deal more comfortable for the rest of us, including all the Irish-Americans whose first regard is for the country they live in.

Any reasonable plan to prevent the interpolation of Irish politics into the politics of the United States may count upon this journal's support; nor will such plan necessarily meet with disfavor in these columns because it involves results incidentally detrimental to Great Britain.

England is to blame for The Irish Vote as experienced in the United States. If it can be cured at England's expense, so much the better.

DIVORCE is not permitted in South Carolina, but you can shoot your wife when you have grown tired of her, and the jury won't trouble you.

THE administration knows what it knows and doesn't tell. You can only guess at it. Why is it so set upon keeping the New York *Tribune* without an editor? A correspondent reports that Mr. Reid being already shelved at Paris, the Russian mission is to be offered to Mr. John Hay, who was chosen as Mr. Reid's successor in the Tall Tower, and fled forthwith to Europe for his health. It will be a dreadful slight upon Elliot Shepard if Hay goes to St. Petersburg—an intimation that Elliot can do no harm to any one but himself. But it will also be a singularly convincing intimation that the *Tribune* is safest with its head off.



Young Bud: I'VE HAD ELEVEN PROPOSALS SINCE MY COMING OUT.

Withered Leaf: YES, THE MEN ALL KNOW YOUR ARE HAVING TOO GOOD A TIME TO THINK OF MARRIAGE.

NOT QUITE RIGHT.

CLERK: There, sir, I call that a pretty good-fitting pair of trousers.

FARMER STUBBLEFIELD (*from Wayback Junction*): They feel all right in the seat, Bub; but, seems to me, they don't fit very snug under the arms.

JOHAN DIGG (*to classmate*): Well, Jack, college days are over. What are you going to do for a living?

JACK FASTSETT: Been engaged by Ritch & Co.

"What for?"

"Son-in-law."

It is the bearded lady whose face is her fortune.



Boy (to his friend who has fallen down the hole): SAY, TOMMY, IF YOU NEVER SHOULD COME OUT OF DERE ERLIVE, CAN I HAVE YOUR BULL-PURP?



THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S SUGGESTION FOR THE NEW STAMP.



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OUR FRESH AIR FUND



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ON Friday, July 5th, we sent forty-eight children to the country.

Work on the village is progressing rapidly. Ten of the seventeen cottages are now filled with children, and before this number of LIFE is in the reader's hands one or two more will be occupied. Each of the cottages



ONE OF THE SEVENTEEN COTTAGES OF LIFE'S VILLAGE
FOR CHILDREN.

contains seven or eight children and a matron. Later on, when our readers give us so much money that the welfare of more children becomes a pleasant necessity, we shall place ten or eleven in each cottage, and there will be no crowding. Beds and bedding, chairs, tables, basins, furniture for the dining room and kitchen, and a good supply of groceries for the sustenance of the hilarious throng are also there.

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BOOKISHNESS

MR. HENLEY'S VERSES.

IT is a pleasant thing to know that so good "A Book of Verses" as William Ernest Henley's has reached a second edition. In everything they are so modest—like the songs of a bashful singer whose voice is only heard when he is alone on some hill-top where he breaks into music for joy and the love of it. This poet is so hopeful when he is sad, so gay when he has suffered. He has made up his mind that "life's a dream worth dreaming"—and he dreams it bravely.

"So be my passing!
My task accomplished and the long day done;
My wages taken, and in my heart
Some late lark singing,
Let me be gathered to the quiet west,
The sundown splendid and serene,
Death."

Like the poems of his friend Stevenson, these songs are the tributes of love and affection—of the gentler emotions that always make life worth living. For what can fate bring to any man that may rob him of the love of his friends? And while that remains existence is a pleasure.

There is a lyrical quality in many of the poems which is an echo of Shelley—a choice of simple and musical words to express gentle fancies:

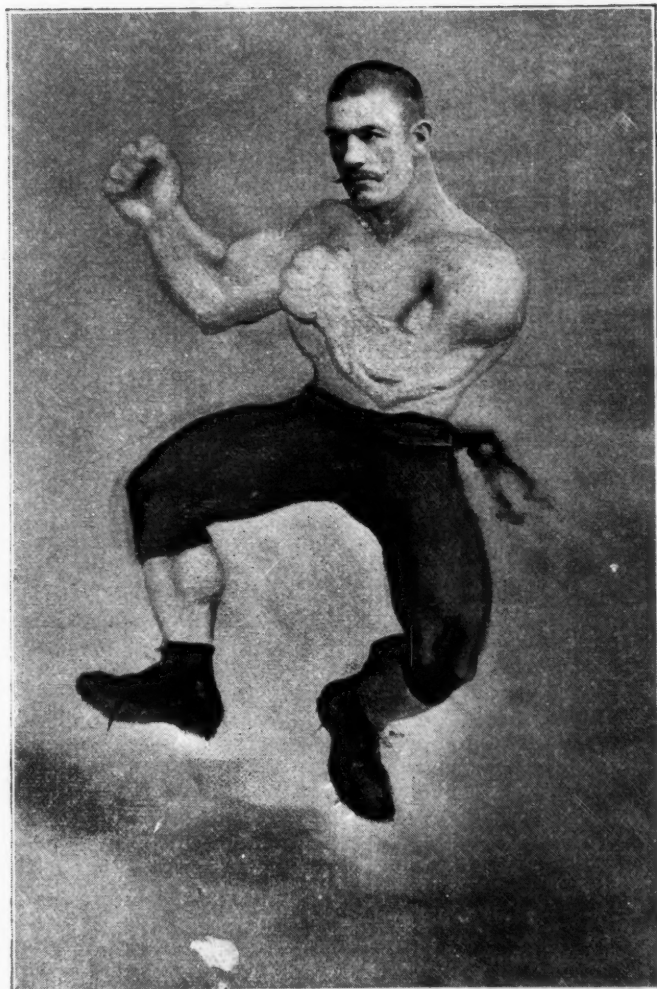
"A wink from Hesper falling
Fast in the wintry sky,
Comes through the even blue,
Dear, like a word from you,
Is it good-bye?"

"Across the miles between us
I send you sigh for sigh.
Good-night, sweet friend, good-night!
Till life and all take flight,
Never good-bye."

The deepest note of the volume is in the poem "Matri Dilectissima"—a tribute to a mother, dead. Deep and tender feeling is expressed in the solemn, irregular measure of unrhymed lines:

"Between the river and the stars,
O royal and radiant soul,
Thou dost return, thine influences return
Upon thy children as in life, and death
Turns stingless. What is death
But life in act? Sweetest, how should the grave
Be victor over thee,
Mother, a mother of men?"

IN the May *Overland* there is a creditable and judicious essay on "Realists in Prose Fiction," by Wilbur Larremore, which contains an acute estimate of George Meredith's work. The writer believes that "in the essential qualities of realism, Meredith is unsurpassed," that "no novelist except Tourgenéff has surpassed him in the power of imparting deep insight by a page of fragmentary dialogue;" that he is "over-real" only in depicting the intellectual life of his characters, where his creative imagination leads him to exaggerations; and that in picturing the emotions his touch "is confident and unerring." The prevailing tone of Meredith,



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JOHN L. SULLIVAN.

this critic believes, is essentially modern, "holding the mirror up to his own time, and objectively picturing the present age."

These views will be new to many who have looked upon Meredith as belonging to the romantic school, with little hold on any domain except that of his prolific imagination. It seems to us that Mr. Larremore's view is very near the truth. Meredith has depicted *exceptional* and not *conventional* men and women of our generation as they really are. One may not agree, however, with this critic's view that Meredith's dialogue "is always perfectly in keeping with the persons represented." This is true of its substance, but in form all his men speak very much alike, and all are painfully clever.

Droch.

OUR JACK.

AGAIN an instance of the sturdy Puritan courage which found no terrors in the bleak desolation of New England's rocky shores, and which felled the forests of the West to make way for the march of American civilization.

Again a son of brave old Massachusetts evinces that stalwart, patient heroism which, through suffering, leads up to victory. Well may America bow down to Boston and envy the city which has given us the peerless Sullivan!

Our benisons on thee, Jack, and may thy deltoid never grow less! Thy name shall go booming down to posterity as symbolizing all that was noblest in American manhood.

Our children, as they read column after column in the daily prints telling how thou didst land thy left on thy opponent's ribs with a resounding thwack, and didst throw him down and jump on him, shall come to consider thee a greater man than any of thy time. And when incited thereto by these gory chronicles they shall dub the family dog Sullivan and the neighbor's cat Kilrain, and let them fight to a finish, then, as eyes are gouged out and blood flows and they clap their hands in childish glee, then shall we know how great a man thou art and how thou hast set the imprint of thy noble nature on the times.

Mighty art thou, indeed, for hast not thou and thy following set at naught the law in four American states? What other man could do the same?

Yea, Jack, thou and thy low-browed friends and the newspapers which print the news and all the news, are mighty in the land, and may well exult over that coward crowd that calls you brutes and dares do no more than whimper and complain.



A BAD DRAWING.







BASEBALL BRIEFS.

IT is stated that Queen Victoria having secured the Earl of Fife's fortune for one of her grand-daughters, now aspires to marry another to one of the League catchers. Sir

Julien Paunceforte has been instructed to report on the steps necessary in securing a release.



TIERNAN, right fielder of the New York nine, was recently asked if he would not prefer to be pitcher? "No," replied Professor Tiernan dreamily, as a pleasing smile illumined his intellectual features, "I would rather be right than president."

IT is rumored that the Ball-players' Association is organizing a strike. The pitchers are strongly in favor of three strikes.



THE Actors' Athletic Association of America, has organized a ball nine. The members were a little bit weak in base-running but that difficulty has been overcome by laying railroad-ties between the bases and setting up a free lunch counter on the home plate.

LATE dispatches give the real reason for Henry M. Stanley's unaccountable delay in returning from Central Africa. He bet all his glass-beads and calico on a game between the Congo Picked Nine and King Tzamba's Black Stockings. Stanley had pinned his faith on the pitching of Umslopogaas, but Tzamba's men got on to Sloppie's delivery in the third inning, and batted him to the tune of 43 to 11. The explorer has been in pawn ever since, but he has secured another lot of beads from Emin Bey, and is negotiating with a pitcher from the Nyanza district who is said to be a dandy and the owner of three new curves.

Metcalf.

LOVE'S ARTIFICE.



COMMODORE STARIN, the Hereditary Grand Duke of Glen Island, has managed to invest that charming spot with a new interest. He has issued a little pamphlet giving the details of the finding of a mysterious treasure-chest in the vicinity of Klein Deutschland. The author, a clever newspaper man, does not divulge whether the treasure-chest contained frankfurters, pretzels, or sure-enough diamonds and rubies, until he has wrought the reader up to a high pitch of desire to visit the cavern where the treasure was found.

WOMAN'S CAREER.



SHE was a fair girl graduate, enrobed in spotless white,
And on her youthful features shone a look of holy light.
She bent with grace her dainty head to receive the ribbon blue,
Whence hung the silver medal, adjudged to be her due.
I watched her face with rapture as she raised to heaven her eyes.
And moved her lips in prayer as her fingers clasped the prize,
For I knew to education she had pledged her coming days,
To unclasp poor woman's fetters, and free her from man's ways.

Time passed. Our pathways parted, but ever and anon,
My thoughts would stray toward her, and I'd speculate upon

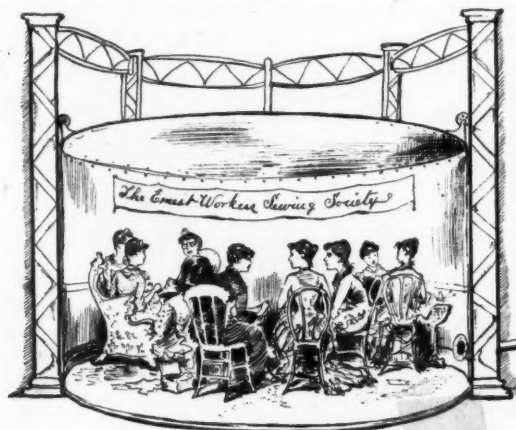
What my graduate was doing, if athwart the scroll of fame,
Among unselfish workers, had been written high her name.
At last I chanced to meet her, but her books were pushed aside,
While around a dainty garment she sewed the lace with pride,
And at her feet her baby, dimpled happy crowing youth,
Upon that silver medal was cutting his first tooth.

IT WILL FILL A LONG FELT WANT.

CUMSO: I see that Edison has invented a machine by means of which a person's face can be seen miles away.

MRS. CUMSO: Oh, how nice! You'll get one, George, and then when we go to the theatre you can see a man on the street without leaving your seat.

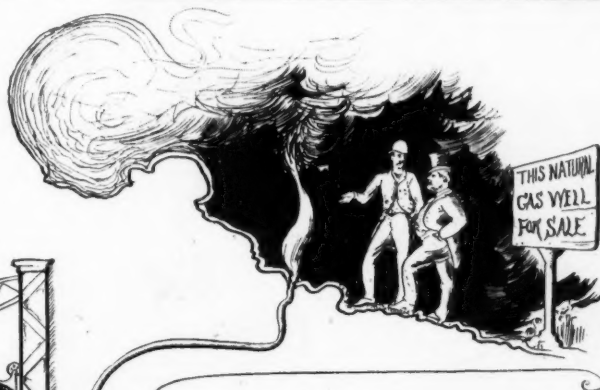
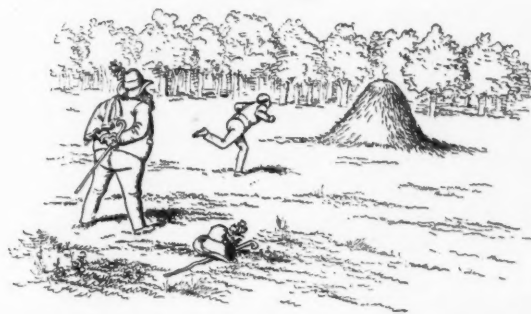
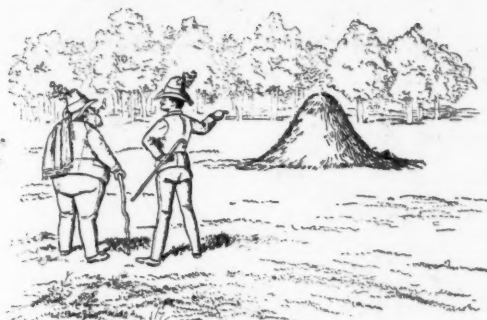
"THE WRONG BOX"—A hit below the belt.



R. F. Bunker

THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE.
CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURAL GAS WELL.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL.



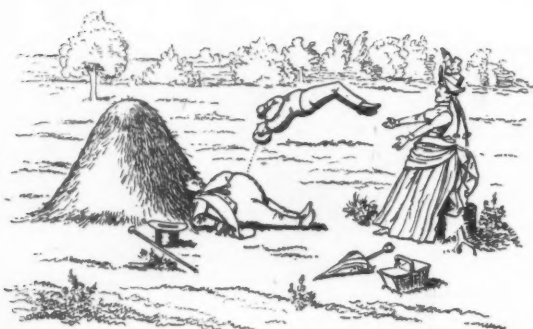
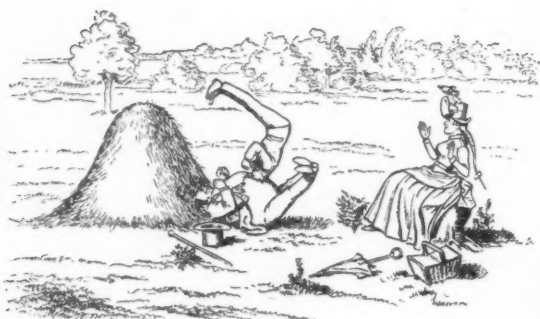
TRAMP: Excuse me, madam, for disturbing you; but I have not eaten a mouthful of food for twenty-four hours.

MRS. ISAAC (*with contempt*): Phoo! Dat vas nodings. Dat Chorge Francis Train don't eat sometings for seventy days.

KOOPONN: By the way, Bonds, what caused the decline in your bank shares to-day—dividend off?

BONDS (*laconically*): No, cashier.

OUT ON A FLY—The dove when it left the Ark.
ONCE MORE IN OUR MIDST—The watermelon.



Fliegende Blaetter.



A SUFFICIENT REASON.

Mr. O'Garrigle: YIS, DINNIS MADE UP HIS MOIND THIS VERY MORRNIN' THAT HE'D NOT GO ON ANOTHER DHRUNK FOR A YEAR.

Mrs. Hooley-mac: PRAISED BE TO GOODNESS FOR THAT SAME. AN' HOW DID IT COME ABOUT?

Mr. O'Garrigle: WELL, YEZ SEE THE JUDGE SINT HIM UP TO BLACKWILL'S OILAND FOR TWELVE MONTHS.

PATER ET FILIUS.

VERISOPHT, SR.: It pains me to know I have a son who is treated with derision by his comrades.

VERISOPHT, JR.: Aw! I—aw! beg pawdon, Paw; but I—aw! don't undawstand yaw.

VERISOPHT, SR.: I presume not. I can well believe a man who murders English as you do cannot understand it when it is spoken properly; but perhaps you may comprehend the meaning of this paper I found pinned to your coat when your roystering companions placed you on the front steps this morning.

VERISOPHT, JR.: Aw! indeed! Aw! will yaw please—aw! wead it taw meh? I—aw! left maw monocle awp sta-aws, yaw know.

VERISOPHT, SR.: Here lies a thing without a brain,
A form to hang some clothes on;
Its head well soaked, but not with rain,
So gently turn the hose on.

"**N**OW boys," asked the miser, as twelve pair of eyes gazed hungrily at the steak over which he invitingly held the knife and fork, "How many of you will take a nickel and go to bed without any supper?" With visions of tops, marbles and similar attractions, there was a ready chorus of "I's," but alas for their bright-hued dreams! In the morning, refreshed by sleep, their appetites whetted to a ravenous degree, the old man asked: "And now, who will give five cents for his break'ast?"



THE PAWNBROKER'S DAUGHTER.

I WONDER what my love will say,
When, as the moonbeams linger
In her black eyes, half turned away,
I slip it on her finger?

HER REMARKS—(PRACTICAL).

Dot diamont vas paste.—*Tom Hall.*

CIVIL SERVICE CLERK (to Head of Department): Sir, will you kindly grant me leave of absence for this afternoon? My uncle is being buried.

HEAD CLERK: With pleasure, my good friend. But pray, wait for me; we can go together, as I also am off to the Charlottenburg races.—*Deutsche Wespen.*

WICKWIRE: I wish to goodness somebody would invent a way to distinguish between a typewriting machine and the girl who runs it.

YAKSLEY: I should think a man of ordinary sense would have no trouble in doing so.

WICKWIRE: Oh, you idiot, I mean in writing. I received a bill stating that I was indebted to Blank & Co., for ribbon for typewriter, and my wife got hold of it and raised a dickens of a row for about an hour before she'd let me explain.—*Terre Haute Express.*

DOUGLAS MACTERVISH: Sandy, remember this, mon. Honesty is aye the best policy.

SANDY: How do ye know, Douglas Mactervish?

DOUGLAS MACTERVISH: I hae tried baith.—*Burlington Free Press.*

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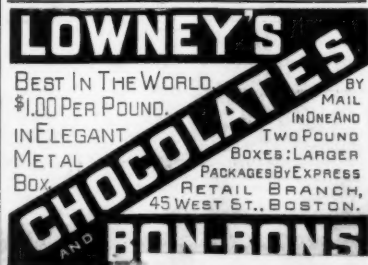
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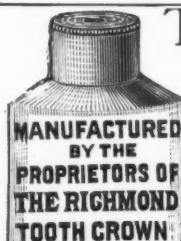
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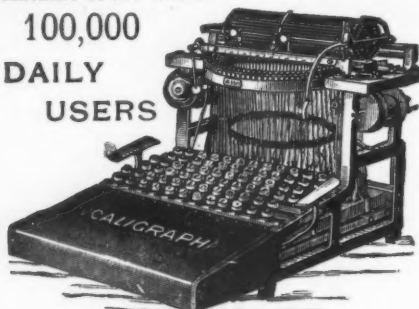
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